

**Gerber Area Primitive Camp and Day Use Sites Recreation Improvements Worksheet
Klamath Falls Resource Area Project File Number -00-16**

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Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and NEPA Adequacy (DNA)

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Note: This Worksheet is to be completed consistent with the policies stated in the Instruction Memorandum entitled, "Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Adequacy" transmitting this Worksheet and the "Guidelines for using the DNA Worksheet," located at the end of the Worksheet.

A. Describe the Proposed Action

Gerber area primitive camp and day use sites existing vault toilets, access roads, camp loops, campsites and related facilities are in need of corrective maintenance, improvement or replacement to continue to provide an enhanced recreational experience and satisfy visitor needs. These sites are identified on the BLM Klamath Falls Recreation Guide as: Stan H. Spring, Potholes, Miller Creek, Frog Camp, Pitchlog Creek, Wildhorse, Basin and Rock Creek.

Existing facility maintenance, improvement or replacement work to be done within the confines of the existing Gerber primitive camp and day use sites (previously disturbed ground) include: leveling and rocking road systems and campsites, and replacement vault toilets, picnic tables, fire grates and barrier posts. Access roads would receive corrective maintenance/reconstruction to reduce runoff, reduce off-highway vehicle damage, and define campsites. Hazard trees along with some small Juniper trees encroaching on desirable pine trees may be removed (including trees between North and South Gerber campground), and trees within primitive campsite areas would be trimmed of low lying branches to reduce damage to RV and road maintenance vehicles.

New or additional facilities proposed include the following: At Stan H. Springs and Upper Midway primitive camps, cattle intrusion fencing (see map), with cattleguards, enclosing the camping areas (if operationally feasible). At Stan H. Springs, a replacement stock water trough with piped-in water would be provided outside of the fenced camping area. (For both Stan H. Springs and Upper Midway camps, the proposed fence locations and required maintenance would be determined after coordination with the Range management staff); A new primitive group camping area for horseback riders is proposed for an area between the South and North Gerber campgrounds. This area would receive a newly constructed rocked camping road system with up to five campsites, vault toilet, unloading ramp, picnic tables, fire grates, vehicle barriers and a small horse corral and watering trough. It would be located out of sight from a historic Bald eagle nest; And at Willow Valley Reservoir area, a new rocked access road, parking area, vault toilet and a single lane concrete boat ramp with rock breakwater (final location to be determined, to be funded with an Oregon Marine Board boating access grant). The existing Willow Valley primitive access road and parking area, if needing relocation, would be de-commissioned and put to bed.

These projects would be funded with Recreation Pipeline Restoration funding, and would be implemented over the next five years (as funding becomes available). No additional fees are planned or anticipated because of these projects. See attached Gerber Area Project Table for descriptions of proposed actions and attached maps for locations of proposed projects.

B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance

LUP Name* Klamath Falls R.A. R.O.D. and RMP Date Approved 6/2/95 Other document _____ Date Approved _____ Other document _____
_____ Date Approved _____

* List applicable LUPs (e.g., Resource Management Plans and activity, project, management, or program plans, or applicable amendments thereto)

X The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUPs because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decisions:

Klamath Falls Resource Area Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan, Recreation Program, pages 47-52; Map 7: Recreation Sites/Areas and Map 9 Trails and Byways.

☐ The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decisions (objectives, terms, and conditions):

C. Identify applicable NEPA documents and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

List by name and date all applicable NEPA documents that cover the proposed action.
See the attached interdisciplinary team (IDT) comments and discussions regarding the proposal, table for description of proposed actions, project map and proposed mitigation/project design features.

List by name and date other documentation relevant to the proposed action (e.g., biological assessment, biological opinion, watershed assessment, allotment evaluation, and monitoring report).

See attached Mitigation Measures/Project Design Features.

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the current proposed action substantially the same action (or is a part of that action) as previously analyzed? Is the current proposed action located at a site specifically analyzed in an existing document?

Documentation of answer and explanation:

The RMP/ROD (page 49 and 50) specifically addresses the management of existing recreation sites, and maintaining the option for recreation development in potential sites and trails. For the Gerber Block, the BLM is to “continue to manage Gerber Recreation site with camping units to accommodate overnight , day use and mobility impaired visitors; frog camp day use area; and boat ramps. Manage several nearby semi-developed camps sites to provide primitive camping and day use. Potential recreation sites, such as Willow Valley Reservoir, (RMP Map 7), are to be developed as funding and/or partnerships becomes available and if development is consistent with other land use objectives and allocations.

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the current proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?

Documentation of answer and explanation:

The FINAL Klamath Falls RMP and Environmental Impact Statement, completed in September 1994, evaluated and analyzed five different alternatives, (in addition to the no action and preferred alternative), covering a wide range of levels of development for existing and potential recreation sites and trails. The types and level of development proposed in this action are within the scope and range as described in the preferred alternative. The following current issues and concerns were addressed within the range of alternatives: meeting public demand for recreation opportunities within the planning area, supporting tourism efforts, improving handicap accessibility, increased access to multi-purpose trails, additional developments such as overnight camping, day-use facilities and interpretive sites, and other efforts designed to enhance and meet visitor recreation experience expectations and satisfy public land users.

3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances?

Documentation of answer and explanation:

The existing analysis is valid, the proposal has been reviewed by staff specialists and interdisciplinary team members for any new information and circumstances. Section 7 Threatened and Endangered Species consultation will be coordinated by Gayle Sitter if needed, and standards/mitigation have been included in the project design features (see attached).

4. Do the methodology and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA document(s) continue to be appropriate for the current proposed action?

Documentation of answer and explanation:

The Klamath Falls Resource Area RMP/EIS was reviewed and completed by staff specialists working together in an interdisciplinary team setting. Interdisciplinary team analysis was conducted using standards and guidelines as provided by BLM Oregon and Washington

Office instructions.

5. Are the direct and indirect impacts of the current proposed action substantially unchanged from those identified in the existing NEPA document(s)? Does the existing NEPA document analyze site-specific impacts related to the current proposed action?

Documentation of answer and explanation:

The Direct and Indirect impacts of the proposed action are essentially the same as those considered by staff specialists who evaluated the Recreation program section and various alternatives in the Final RMP/EIS. The RMP/EIS evaluated site specific impacts of managing and maintaining existing recreation sites and the option of recreation developments of potential sites.

6. Are the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the current proposed action substantially unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)?

Documentation of answer and explanation:

The cumulative impacts that would result from the proposed action are substantially unchanged from those analyzed in the RMP/EIS.

7. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?

Documentation of answer and explanation:

The Klamath Falls Resource Area RMP/EIS planning effort incorporated substantial opportunities for public input and interagency review during the various stages of plan development. Local meetings (including a meeting held at Bonanza) were held to answer questions, consider and incorporate public comments, including those for the recreation resource section proposals. In addition, for the Willow Valley Reservoir development, strong support has been received from Oregon Fish and Wildlife and Marine Board officials, along with local bass fisherman for developing improved boater access.

E. Interdisciplinary Analysis: Identify those team members conducting or participating in the NEPA analysis and preparation of this worksheet. (See attached NEPA Cover Sheet).

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Conclusion

- ☐ Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of NEPA

Note: If you found that one or more of these criteria is not met, you will not be able to check this box.

____Teresa A. Raml_____
Signature of the Responsible Official

____September 27, 2000_____
Date

Note: The signed Conclusion on this Worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and **does not constitute an appealable decision.**

Guidelines for Using the DNA Worksheet and Evaluating the NEPA Adequacy Criteria

These guidelines supplement the policies contained in the Instruction Memorandum entitled “Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Adequacy”. During preparation of this worksheet, if you determine that one or more of the criteria are not met, you do not need to complete the Worksheet. If one or more of these criteria is not met, you may reject the proposal, or complete appropriate NEPA compliance (EA, EIS, Supplemental EIS, or CX if applicable) and plan amendments before proceeding with the proposed action. Documenting why the criterion (criteria) has (have) not been met may be beneficial in preparing new or supplemental NEPA documents, however.

Criterion 1. Is the current proposed action substantially the same action (or is a part of that action) as previously analyzed? Is the current proposed action at a site specifically analyzed in an existing NEPA document? In the limited situations in which an existing NEPA document(s) can properly be relied upon without supplementation, explain whether and how the existing documents analyzed the proposed action (include page numbers). If there are differences between the actions included in existing documents and the proposed action, explain why they are not considered to be substantial.

Criterion 2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the current proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests and resource values? Explain whether the alternatives to the current proposed action that were analyzed in the existing NEPA documents and associated record constitute a reasonable range of alternatives with respect to the current proposed action, and if so, how. Identify how current issues and concerns were addressed within the range of alternatives in existing NEPA documents. If new alternatives are being proposed by the public to address current issues and concerns, and you conclude they do not need to be analyzed, explain why.

Criterion 3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances? New information or circumstances could include the following. If any of the listed items below are applicable, you need to determine whether it (they) constitute(s) new information or circumstances.

a. New standards or goals for managing resources. Standards and goals include, but are not limited to: BLM’s land health standards and guidelines, recovery plans for listed species prepared by the Fish and Wildlife Service or National Marine Fisheries Service, requirements contained in a biological opinion or conference report related to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and the requirement to address disproportionate impacts on minority populations and low income communities (E.O. 12898).

b. Changes in resource conditions within the affected area the existing NEPA analyses were conducted, e.g., changes in habitat condition and trend; listed, proposed, candidate, and Bureau designated sensitive species; water quality, including any identified impaired water bodies under Section 303 of the Clean Water Act; air quality; vegetation condition

and trend; soil stability; visual quality; cultural resource condition; and wildlife population trend(s); etc.

c. Changes of resource-related plans, policies, or programs of State and local governments, Indian tribes, or other federal agencies.

d. Designations established in the affected area since the existing NEPA analysis and documentation was prepared. Designations include, but are not limited to wilderness, wilderness study areas, National Natural Landmarks, National Conservation Areas, National Monuments, National Register properties, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, and Research Natural Areas.

Criterion 4. Do the methodology and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA document continue to be appropriate for the proposed action? Explain how the methodologies and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA document are current and sufficient for supporting approval of the proposed action. If valid new technologies and methodologies (e.g. air quality modeling) exist, explain why it continues to be reasonable to rely on the method previously used.

Criterion 5. Are the direct and indirect impacts of the current proposed action substantially unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? Does the existing NEPA document analyze site-specific impacts related to the current proposed action? Review the impact analysis in the existing NEPA document(s). Explain how the direct and indirect impacts of the proposed action are analyzed in the existing NEPA documents, and would, or would not, differ from those identified in the existing NEPA document. Consider the effect new information or circumstances may have on the environmental impacts predicted in the existing NEPA document.

Criterion 6. Are the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the proposed action substantially unchanged from those identified in the existing NEPA document(s)? Would the current proposed action, if implemented, change the cumulative impact analysis? Consider the impacts analysis in existing NEPA documents, the effects of relevant activities that have been implemented since existing NEPA documents were completed and the effects of the current proposed action.

Criterion 7. Is the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action? Explain how the nature of public involvement in previous NEPA documents continues to be adequate and valid in light of current issues, concerns, views, and controversies.